

## Program Narrative

### Description of the Issue

1. Identify the state's strategy/funding priorities for the FY 2019 JAG funds.

**The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (“KJPSC”) will align its efforts with three of the four Bureau of Justice Assistance Areas of Emphasis (“AoE”) for the fiscal year 2019: AoE 1, Reducing Violent Crime; 2) AoE 2, Officer Safety and Wellness; and AoE 4, Responding to the Opioid Crisis.**

**Additionally, the funding will align to the following goals within the KJPSC Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2018-2020: Goal 1, Combatting drug addiction with stronger substance abuse treatment and prevention; Goal 2, Aggressively pursue and implement smart-on-crime reforms to reduce prison and jail populations while preserving public safety; Goal 3, Continue improvements to Kentucky’s Juvenile Justice System through further implementation of Senate Bill 200; and Goal 4, Strengthening Law Enforcement Training to continue public safety in our communities.**

2. Identify the subgrant award process and timeline.

**All subrecipients are subject to a competitive application and award process. The timeline for utilization of the funds as planned would begin no earlier than 1 July 2019 and all funds would be liquidated prior to the close of the award period.**

3. Provide a description of the programs to be funded over the 4-year grant period.

**The KJPSC approach places a funding priority on multi-jurisdictional drug task forces and their ability to support the identified AoE’s and the KJPSC Strategic Plan Goals. Specifically, the KJPSC will utilize funds to support multi-jurisdictional drug task force programs and enhanced enforcement activities, drug-related prosecution programs, substance abuse and reentry initiatives, overtime for public safety officers, drug court programs, juvenile drug and alcohol prevention programs, corrections and community corrections projects. These funds will support long-term investments in public safety which address substance abuse and enhance other law enforcement initiatives to protect Kentucky citizens.**

4. States are strongly encouraged to prioritize the funding of evidence-based projects, the data used to determine these priorities, and data needed for comprehensive planning efforts.

**The KJPSC either pursuant to statute or at the direction of the Secretary pursues, when they exist, evidence-based programs regarding its criminal justice mission, functions, and tasks. Additionally, the KJPSC collaborates internally and externally to better understand and utilize data and information related to these programs to maximize their performance and outcome.**

5. Identify any barriers to accessing these data.

**There are no known barriers to accessing any and all data required to properly and fully implement an award from this grant program.**

6. Identify any opportunities to improve cross system information sharing.

**The KJPSC recognizes the value of data-driven planning and solutions and continually works to improve its internal systems and approaches as well as support the Commonwealth and federal entities. Specifically, the KJPSC continues to work with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Commonwealth Office of Technology, the Department of Kentucky State Police, the Department of Corrections, the Office of Drug Control Policy, other Commonwealth agencies, and local units of government to improve data and information sharing regarding its relation to this grant program.**

**7. Identify any progress or challenges the state has faced in NIBRS implementation.**

**Kentucky is currently on schedule with its NIBRS implementation plan and has no specific implementation challenges at this time.**

### **Project Design and Implementation**

**1. Describe the state's process for engaging stakeholders from across the justice continuum and how that input informs priorities.**

**The KJPSC utilizes a variety of engagement approaches with stakeholders to ensure maximum representation and collaboration in a structured but flexible methodology. Specifically, the KJPSC agencies within the local communities work together with the local governments to address common needs. Additionally, the KJPSC participates, as the lead agency and as members, on numerous state and local boards and commissions that directly interact with other agencies, entities, and individuals. Finally, the KJPSC as a key agency in the criminal justice system for the state maintains strong relationships with the Legislative and Judicial Departments and their various boards, commissions, and committees that directly service various other agencies, entities, and individuals across the state.**

**2. Describe how local communities are engaged in the planning process, how state and local planning efforts are coordinated, and the challenges faced in coordination.**

**See number 1 for the basic engagement framework. In addition, local communities are often engaged on very specific matters related directly to their specific circumstances and may be represented in the form of ad-hoc or task organized entities focused on a particular matter at either the Cabinet or Department level within the KJPSC. Often leaders within a community bring their matter directly to the Secretary or his staff and partner with us to achieve the best possible outcome. The KJPSC traditionally seeks out subject matter experts to partner with in seeking solutions for the state and many of them happen to be leaders in their local communities or govern.**

**3. Identify the stakeholders representing each purpose area who are participating in the strategic planning process.**

**In addition to KJPSC employees, the KJPSC engages with entities and individuals that support multi-jurisdictional drug task force programs and enhanced enforcement activities, drug-related prosecution programs, substance abuse and reentry initiatives, overtime for public safety officers, drug court programs, juvenile drug and alcohol prevention programs, corrections and community corrections projects. These entities and individuals are too numerous to list and evolve with the specific location, matter, and time.**

**4. Identify the gaps in the state's needed resources for criminal justice purposes.**

**The KJPSC is focused on prevention in all areas of criminal justice to allow for the best possible outcomes for all involved parties regardless of circumstances. Current shortages exist in mental health treatment capacity; substance use disorder prevention and treatment; reentry and recidivism resources; and alternative sentencing program personnel and funding in both the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems.**

5. Identify plans to improve the administration of the criminal justice system.

**The KJPSC is actively focusing on establishing and implementing plans in law (working with the Kentucky General Assembly), public policy (state and local government partners), and policy, process, and procedure (internal to KJPSC) to address the AoE's, the Goals in the KJPSC 2018-2020 Strategic Plan, and other emergent and associated matters as they arise with the state. The KJPSC uses a whole of government approach to build collaboration and cooperative teams to maximize outcomes for all involved parties regardless of circumstances. An attachment to this document, the KJPSC 2018-2020 Strategic Plan Progress Report, demonstrates some of the specific actions taken by the KJPSC to improve the criminal justice system.**

6. Identify how JAG funds will be coordinated with state and related justice funds.

**The KJPSC fully understands the resource constrained environment in which criminal justice systems typically operate and therefore utilizes a holistic approach in funding decisions. While always maintaining compliance with the individual requirements of any and all federal or state funds, the KJPSC seeks to maximize those funds by determining their optimum assignment based on documented need and priority. A deliberate planning, review, and selection process is utilized for all applications to ensure they are eligible and that the most appropriate funds are properly applied to their requirement(s) to maximize outcomes. The KJPSC utilizes a single Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and Budget Officer ("BO") whom oversee all finances within the Cabinet and directly supervise the Grants Management Division, which supports all federal funds awarded to the Cabinet. This centralized management approach allows the CFO and the BO to ensure the proper coordination and utilization of any and all Cabinet funds.**

7. States are strongly encouraged to use an evidence-informed approach to funding decisions and evidence-informed approaches to addressing and preventing violent crime.

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8. This includes providing support to subrecipients as they develop data-driven practices and programs.

**The KJPSC will ensure to implement data-driven practices and programs and evidence-based programs, where they exist, with all of its subrecipients to maximize subrecipient performance and outcomes.**

### **Capabilities and Competencies**

1. Describe any additional strategic planning/coordination efforts in which the state participates with other criminal justice criminal/juvenile justice agencies in the state.

**The KJPSC maintains close working relationships with its sister agencies in the surrounding states often sharing “best of breed” outcomes. Additionally, the Secretary has contacted and been contacted by other state Justice Cabinets to collaborate on criminal justice reform matters that have informed and influenced the KJPSC Strategic Plan. The primary agency for planning and coordination is the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council (established and governed pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 15A.075) that has recently been augmented for the past two years by the Governors Criminal Justice Policy Assessment Council and its associated Working Groups. There are few, if any, criminal justice agencies or entities within the state that the KJPSC has not engaged in the course of its mission, functions, and tasks or specifically on criminal justice reform matters.**

2. Provide an overview of any evidence-informed programs that have been implemented successfully and how those programs might inform implementation of plan priorities.

**Please review an attachment to this document, the KJPSC 2018-2020 Strategic Plan Progress Report, as it captures the work of multiple evidence-informed/based programs either in establishment or execution by the KJPSC to improve the criminal justice system.**

**Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures**

**The KJPSC will comply with any and all terms and conditions regarding the submission of performance metrics as directed by the BJA in the award. Specifically, the KJPSC will review the award in its entirety and develop a detailed task list with an associated calendar of events to ensure our compliance as recipients. That task list and calendar of events will then inform and guide our application and award process to ensure that any and all performance metric requirements are clearly communicated to any and all subrecipients along with any and all training or technical assistance required for them to succeed. They will receive detailed checklists to standardize reporting and allow for monthly subrecipient reporting to the KJPSC. Additionally, the KJPSC will assign 2 program metrics program managers, a drug task force program metrics program manager, and the Assistant Director to supervise this award and provide resources to subrecipients. The collection of performance metrics will occur via electronic mail, phone calls, and through program manager site visits to ensure compliance and provide in-person training and technical assistance as directed by the KJPSC and as requested by the subrecipients.**